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WHAT SOME OF OUR PRESENT READERS DID IN 1944

(Excerpts from VILTIS, May, 1944)

Bob Calhoun had an enjoyable dinner and evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Rotch, in Concord, N. H., where he is stationed. Mrs. Rotch is the former Patty McLane, who was an active Int. Houser when I taught there the first year. Even though now a house wife and a mother of two children, she still keeps up her folk dancing and teaches it to a Girl Scout group . . . Lt. D. E. Totten, U. S. Marine Air Corps instructor "dropped" in to visit his folks at Fairhope. He is being transferred to Kingsville, Texas, where he will instruct Aircraft Carrier pilots . . . A-C Raymond Wood (Soe) is gaining weight out in Santa Ana. 20 lbs. Is it Pacific bathing or the wood tradition, who come as big and as tall as they make them? (not to mention his cousin Lt. Jimmy Gaston) . . . My brother, Kazy, told of a holiday at the Solomons when they were treated, for the first time since they arrived there, many, many months ago, with Coca-Colas and ales. It was a great event. How few of us realize how much a coke can mean. Kazy informs me that he started smoking a pipe. It's O.K. with me as long as you won't raise a mustache . . . Ruth Bružas Baskis, who was Kazy's dancing partner while both were in their teens, has given up the idea of following her hubby, T. Sgt. Leo Baskis, and returned home to cry over Mother's shoulder. Reason, Leo was sent across, but she accepted a job to do her part . . . Wenetta Grybas Childs has sure seen the country since she married Al two years ago and moved in the highest civilian and military society, meeting very many distinguished people. Presently, she lives in Alexandria, Va., and keeps herself busy volunteering information in a USO Center, such as rooms or apartments to newcomers, directions, maps, and even arranges marriage ceremonies on a moment's notice. She must make a lovely cupid. Al is attending the War College, which is "the" thing for any enterprising naval officer. Upon graduation he hopes to become a Flag Lt., or Flag Secretary. Our best wishes are with you both . . . Charlotte Sarett is entering the dance field quite sincerely. Studies every form of the dance, daily. She is busy with programs for service men, opera, and what have you. She, too, for relaxation, dances some more with men in uniform. Since April 10th, she has begun a course with the Red Cross to become a staff assistant . . . S. Sgt. Louis Denov is teaching potential officers how to make an inspection of the radio equipment in a B-17 flying fortress at his base in East Haven, Conn. In his spare time he participates in "organized violence" (that's what he calls square dancing), skating backwards, and with bunk mates he started a project to "wade through Tolstoy's War and Peace."

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